# Wayside Inn Diary

Monday, April 1, 1935

Cloudy.

"I open wide the portals of the Spring
To welcome the procession of the flowers."

April with showery, uncertain days arrives in cloudy form and the sun shining only occasionally.

There weren't many visitors today. Monday is usually an uneventful day especially during the winter and early spring days.

# Wayside Inn Diary.

Tuesday, April 2, 1935.

"Half effaced by rain or shine
The red horse prances on the sign."
Longfellow.

Nearly a hundred years ago Longfellow wrote the above about the old Red Horse Tavern sign. Today we have a sign hanging on the left corner of the house, not the original, but there still prances the red horse.

Another quotation reflects on the inn and seems to be very fitting ——

"All through life there are many
way-side inns
Where man may refresh his soul."

Wayside Inn Diary.

Wednesday, April 3, 1935.

Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Learned had luncheon today. They are now occupying the Lord Timothy Dexter mansion in Newburyport, Mass. We have in the bar room an old picture of the Dexter house in 1810 showing the statues in front of the house and the large eagle weather vane on the top. They have just removed the eagle to have it painted and are were surprised to hear that it is very large when seen near to.

Sixteen ladies from the Maplewood Baptist Church, Malden, had tea this afternoon as guests of the Malden Motor Co.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Thursday, April 4, 1935.

Pleasant.

Thirty two students and Albert T. Patty of the faculty from Franklin High School were guests of the Inn this afternoon. The boys and girls had spent the greater part of the day visiting historical places in and around Boston.

An interesting luncheon guest today was Mrs. A. V. Walker of Stamboul, Turkey. Although American born Mrs. Walker prefers life in Turkey rather than America.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Friday, April 5, 1935.

Pleasant.

Our first real sight seeing group, a party of eight, came this afternoon on the Royal Blue Line. The Royal Blue or Gray Lines conduct tours through all interesting parts of Mass. and New England. This trip to the Inn is started in Boston at nine o'clock each morning when the group leaves the Hotel Statler to see Historic Boston, Lexington, Concord and the Wayside Inn. They return to Boston about five in the evening.

Dr. Graffin of Harvard Medical School and a party of ten had a chicken dinner at 7:30 P.M. and afterwards gathered in the barroom for a social hour.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Saturday, April 6, 1935

Pleasant.

The day started busily at eight o'clock this morning. Prof. G. Milton Fisher with thirty five pupils from the Woodland St. School, Worcester, Mass. came to see the Inn. From here the boys and girls go to Concord and Lexington and have a most interesting day ahead. Prof Fisher conducts these groups each Saturday from now until the close of the school year.

Mr. Harry F. Stoddard, manager of the Boston Automobile Club, came at noon and is planning to stay with us for four or five days.

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Mrs Donald S. Babcock and Miss Polly, 5 years old, of Providence R.I. are occupying the Jerusha room over the weekend while Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Stokes of Madistown, N.J. are in the Grain room.

It has been a busy interesting day! Eighty-one meals were served and many were shown through.

Wayside Inn Diary

Sunday, April 7, 1935.

Pleasant 43°

For several weeks now we have been noticing the different kinds of birds which have been arriving from their winter quarters in the South. The bronze grackles in huge numbers are particularly noticeable especially when startled and they fly in chattering flocks to some place of safety. The song sparrows lovely song is heard, the red winged blackbirds are making nests in the marshy places in back of the Inn. Fat robins are commonly seen. When evening draws near, and quiet reigns, the peeping of the frogs is heard in

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nearby ponds assuring us in no uncertain tones that spring is here.

We were busy the greater part of the day — 126 meals were served.

Wayside Inn Diary

Monday, April 8, 1935

Pleasant 43°

One of our most interesting antiques is the sap bucket in the barroom. In the March issue of Good Housekeeping is an article, "The Real Calvin Coolidge," edited in comment by Grace Coolidge. Included in this article is a short history of the bucket and a picture of the autographing party at the Coolidge home in Plymouth, Vermont.

## President and Prince Autograph a Bucket

By HENRY FORD

*Industrialist; Democratic Candidate for the Senate, 1918*

In company with Mr. Edison I visited Mr. Coolidge one summer day at his Vermont farm. I had always heard he was a taciturn man, but found him a man of most friendly conversation, free in the expression of his own opinions and interested in hearing the opinions of others.

It was not long after our introduction that he had us out in the little cheese factory behind the farmhouse, where we were eating the cheese curd which we got by using whittled pieces of shingles as spoons. It was good American cheese.

After we returned to the house Mr. Coolidge spoke about an old sap bucket which his grandfather had used, and offered it to me for our collection at Dearborn. Of course I was very happy to have such a gift and asked him to autograph the bucket.

"Why, yes," he said, "we'll all autograph it."

So Mrs. Coolidge and Mr. Coolidge's father and the President and Mr. Edison and the rest of the party autographed the sap bucket.

Naturally we greatly prized that old wooden sap pail and took great pains to see that it arrived at Dearborn safely. It arrived in time for the addition of another signature to the list. It happened that the Prince of Wales was a luncheon guest at our house, and we told him the story of the bucket. He intimated that he would like to be on the bucket, too, and quickly added his signature.

We have what we call the "Coolidge Collection" at Dearborn. We have his cradle, the first baby carriage in which he rode, the "settle" from the old Coolidge kitchen, and various household objects connected with his boyhood. He was one of the most American men I have ever known.

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Autographing the Sap Bucket — 1924.

An autographing party at which every one signed an old Coolidge sap bucket as a gift to Henry Ford. Left to right: Harvey Firestone, the President, Mr. Ford, Thomas A. Edison, Russell Firestone, Mrs. Coolidge, and Col. John Coolidge

# Wayside Inn Diary

Tuesday, April 9, 1935

Showery · 38°

Prof. Schell and eight members of the Wayside Group came for dinner at seven thirty tonight and gathered in the barroom afterward as they usually do on their occasional visits.

It is vacation week for the Redstone and Southwest school children so there will not be sewing classes today and Wednesday. Miss Brown, teacher at the Redstone school, is spending the week in Washington, D.C.

Adolph Ochs, editor of the New York Times, died today. Mr. Ochs has visited the Inn and registered in our special book.

Wayside Inn Diary

Wednesday, April 10, 1935

Snow.

An uneventful day! The morning was most disappointing as snow and sleet fell against the windows and covered the ground again with a heavy wet blanket of snow.

There were a few guests for luncheon and dinner. It seemed like a typical March day.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Thursday, April 11, 1935.

Pleasant 29°

Congratulations today to Mr. and Mrs. Ford on their forty seventh wedding anniversary.

A group of forty four gathered in the large dining room at six fifteen this evening for a sirloin steak dinner. It was the annual dinner and meting of the corporators of the Hudson Savings Bank, Hudson, Mass. They remained in the dining room for their meeting after dinner.

Mr. Harry Stoddard of Boston, who has been staying at the Inn since last Friday, left today.

# Wayside Inn Diary

Friday, April 12, 1935

We have had interesting visitors this week from the Philippines, Ireland, Holland, Belgium and from five different cities in Germany.

Eight people gathered for dinner in the old kitchen tonight so perhaps this one will close the season for a while. As the days get warmer reservations for old kitchen dinners are fewer because of the intense heat necessary for roasting the meat.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Saturday April 13, 1935

Rain

Our first visitors at eight o'clock this morning were G. Milton Fisher and thirty-six pupels from Lakeview School, Worcester, Mass.

At one o'clock Mrs. George Mellon had a luncheon for twenty one. The tables on the porch were very attractive and bright even though the weather was most disagreeable.

Mrs. Grinnell Jones of Cambridge had a dinner party for eleven at six thirty. Their table decorations were red carnations, favors and place cards. The group was from Harvard University so the crimson was most appro-

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private. After dinner the boys and Mr. and Mrs. Jones played bridge in the small ballroom. Even their bridge tallies had crimson decorations. "A touch of red for Harvard!"

78 meals were served today.

Wayside Inn Diary

Sunday April 14, 1935

Cloudy.

Mr. Stanley W. Hyde and thirty three students from North Yarmouth Academy, Yarmouth, Maine visited the Inn this morning. The group is on its way to New York and is planning to arrive there before dark. Although a bit out of their way the boys and girls were anxious to see the Inn and had originally planned a picnic lunch here but sudden changes in arrangements made this impossible.

We noticed several of our guests wearing small crosses of palm today to commemorate "Palm Sun-

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day."

Sunday continues to be our busiest day in the dining room as well as in the front of the house. Judging from the number of people now we are looking forward to a busy summer.

Wayside Inn Diary

Monday, April 15, 1935

Cloudy.

# WILLIAM D. LEE SUCCUMBS SOON AFTER SHOCK

## Stricken While at Work as Gardener at Wayside Inn, Sudbury

## 67 YEARS OLD

## Served In City Government Was Election Warden and On Cemetery Board

Enterprise - Apr. 16, 1935

Marlboro—William D. Lee, 67, of 71 Church street, a member of the cemetery commission and Ward 7 election warden, died suddenly at 5 o'clock last evening following a shock received while employed as a gardener at the Wayside Inn, South Sudbury. Members of his family declare that he had made no complaints of illness and went to work yesterday as usual and was stricken shortly before his death.

The sudden demise was a distinct shock to Mr. Lee's family and friends. He was well known in this city, and for many years he had been employed in the former Rice & Hutchins shoe factories here, where he was regarded as a good workman and comrade to his fellow employees.

The body was removed to his home. He leaves a wife, Mrs. Cora B. (Patterson) Lee; a daughter Mrs. Harriet E., wife of Councillor-at-large Harry C. Cole and a brother, Walter Lee of Bridgeport, Conn.

Mr. Lee was born in Athol in 1868 and has resided in Marlboro 35 years. He served in the city council representing ward 7 in 1910 and has been on the cemetery commission for some years. He is affiliated with United Brethren Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Marlboro; Houghton Royal Arch Chapter of the Masonic Order, of Hudson and is a deacon of First Church Congregational.

Funeral service will be held on Thusday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the home, 71 Church street. Rev. William A. Knight will conduct the service and the Masonic ritual service will be in charge of the United Brethren lodge, A. F. & A. M. Friends are invited to visit the home on Wednesday afternoon from 3 until 5 and 7 until 9 P. M.

Sorrow crept into our little family today. It was so unexpected and such a great shock to us. Mr. Lee, who has been employed as gardener at the Inn

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for over ten years, was stricken shortly after five o'clock and died almost immediately. He will be missed not only by the Inn family but hundreds of guests who visit the Inn will be surprised at his absence from the old fashioned garden.

# Wayside Inn Diary

Tuesday April 16, 1935

Cloudy and cold.

There is very little to write about today. It has been cold and threatening to rain since morning. The fires in the parlor, bar room and old kitchen help to make it cheery and warm inside.

Many guests remark almost immediately after entering, "Isn't it nice to see the fires!"

# Wayside Inn Diary

Wednesday, April 17, 1935

Showery

Thirty one students from Abbott Academy, Andover, Mass had luncheon at one o'clock today. They were a delightful group of girls and were on a historical tour planning to visit Concord, Lexington and Boston after luncheon. They enjoyed hearing about the Inn and were genuinely interested in everything the hostess told them.

Sixteen ladies from Malden were guests of the Malden Motor Company at tea this afternoon.

Wayside Inn Diary

Thursday, April 18, 1935

Showery.

A very charming gentleman visited us today, Mr. John R. Putnam, U. S. Consul to Italy. Mr. Putnam arrived in Boston this morning after being abroad for over a year. He was on his way to Philadelphia to join Mrs. Putnam who had arrived on an earlier boat.

In four days we have noticed that people registered from five or more Canadian cities as well as from Scotland, Italy, China and Cuba.

Funeral services for Mr. Lee were conducted at his home, 71

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Church Street, Marlboro, Mass. this afternoon at one oclock. We will always remember him as a good workman and comrade to his fellow employees.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Friday, April 19, 1935

Pleasant.

"Listen, my children, and you shall hear
Of the midnight ride of Paul Revere,
On the eighteenth of April, in Seventy-five,
Hardly a man is now alive
Who remembers that famous day and
year."

Longfellow.

Today brings back the story of Paul Revere's ride. The landlord's tale of Paul Revere stands out as the most popular story in the "Tales of a Wayside Inn." The old musket in the bar room is a relic of the Battle of Concord and Lexington and was used by a Sudbury man, Ephraim Smith.

Good Friday was also observed

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today. A holyday and holiday occuring on the same date is unusual. Perhaps visitors were not as many although nearly 150 people were shown through and 90 meals were served.

The annual Marathon starting at noon in Hopkinton and finishing at Exeter Street, Boston might have been a counter attraction as the route was thronged with people all the way from start to finish.

Quite late in the evening seven Bay Scouts arrived and were shown through the Inn. They were keenly interested in everything and had walked here from Wellesley Hills.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Saturday, April 20, 1935

Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Clark of Chelmsford, Mass. had luncheon today and in this way observed their 43rd wedding anniversary. They were a very sweet couple and always are so happy when visiting at the Inn. Mr. and Mrs. Clark were here last year and hope to come again next year.

Miss Frances Bryant and a friend, Miss Lund, came for luncheon this noon. Miss Bryant is staying overnight and will be here with us for Easter Sunday.

# Wayside Inn Diary

Sunday, April 21, 1935

Pleasant.

Easter Sunday has been a bright, gorgeous day. The sun shining almost steadily has brought out the buds to a larger, fuller distance.

Over five hundred guests visited the Inn today, 257 meals were served and about 250 people were shown through. From noon until closing time guests were actually swarming about the house.

Wayside Inn Diary

Monday, April 22, 1935

Pleasant.

William Cardinal O'Connell, Archbishop of Boston, was a guest for tea this afternoon. Cardinal O'Connell has visited the Inn before and is always happy to come again.

The enclosed article is a clipping from the Boston Evening American, Saturday April 13th. The picture was probably taken during this particular season of the year. We notice many differences but many similarities, too.

Monday Apr. 22, 1935 Continued



# NO PARKING SIGNS WERE UNHEARD OF IN 'GOOD OLD DAYS'

PLENTY OF ROOM FOR PARKING—There was little or no difficulty in finding space to park your car in the "good old days." That's if you were lucky to own a car. Here's a scene in front of the Wayside Inn at Sudbury, Mass., taken shortly after the turn of the century. It's springtime, when mating was in full bloom. Note the solid rubber tires on that "sport model" at the left. Can it be true that those gay young blades at the right are looking for lady escorts? Well, most girls would jump at the opportunity then. The picture is submitted by Dora P. Dutch, 51 Cedar street, Belfast, Me. It is one of the many hundreds entered in the Old Time Automobile Contest.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Tuesday April 23, 1935

Pleasant.

The Dover Women's Club held their annual meeting and luncheon at the Inn this afternoon. Twenty-seven members attended the luncheon and all were served on the porch. Small table bouquets were very attractive making their table setting most satisfactory on a lovely warm day. After luncheon they gathered in the small ballroom for their annual meeting. Mrs. William Schaffner was in charge of arrangements.

# Wayside Inn Diary

Wednesday April 24, 1935

A.M. Pleasant
P.M. Showery

Sixteen ladies had tea this afternoon as guests of the Malden Motor Co.

A very interesting young lady, Daphne Lea, was a visitor this afternoon. She is from England and is returning home after a trip around the world during which time she visited her sister who is living on a small island near the Philippines. She has been in the U.S. for six weeks and is sailing for London on Saturday, May eleventh. Miss Lea was greatly impressed with the atmosphere of Wayside Inn.

Wayside Inn Diary

Thursday, April 25, 1935

Pleasant.

# FORD DIRECTOR SEES RECOVERY

## W. C. Cowling Talks to 300 New England Dealers

Hailing the most hopeful outlpok for national recovery in many years, W. C. Cowling, director of sales for the Ford Motor Co., addressed some 300 New England Ford dealers and Ford Company executives at the Somerset Hotel yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Cowling was in Boston near the end of a nation-wide trip through the Ford sales territory, accompanied by D. J. Hutchins, assistant Ford sales manager in charge of trucks and commercial cars, and H. C. Butkiewicz, manager of the business development division of Universal Credit Company.

The noon luncheon meeting was designed especially for the dealers. In the evening there was a meeting principally for Ford salesmen. In this session problems of the man on the firing line were discussed and the policies and ambitions of the Ford Motor Co. for the year clearly outlined.

"The enthusiasm generated at meetings of this nature is expected to help put Ford over the top for the year in the drive to build and sell 'One million and more Ford V-8 units during 1935,'" they stated.

Mr W. C Cowling, director of sales for the Ford Motor Company, came for luncheon today with Mr. Pease of the Ford Motor Company, Somerville. They were accompanied by Mr D. J. Hutchins and Mr. H. C. Butkiewicz also of Detroit.

Two special groups were shown through today. There were 45 students from Clarendon St. School, Fitchburg and 7 boys from the Park St. Baptist Church Sunday School Framingham.

Wayside Inn Diary

Friday April 26, 1935

Pleasant

We are having many guests from far away lands rather early this season. Luncheon guests today, Mr. and Mrs. R. de Bergh, were from the Hague, Holland. Every week we compare the number of states and countries represented in the register and since last Sunday we find people have registered from Canada, Scotland, Germany, England, Holland and Sweden.

Mrs. Nellie Rice Fiske of Wayland passed away early today. Mrs. Fiske has been a frequent visitor at the Inn for many, many years. She was a charter member of the Framingham D.A.R.

Wayside Inn Diary

Saturday April 27, 1935

Pleasant.

Today has been the hottest April 27 th on record for many years.

Miss Betty Harrington and seven students from Lasalle Jr. College, Auburndale, Mass. were guests of the Inn today. Betty graduated from the Redstone and Southwest Schools and is now a junior at Lasalle. She visits quite often and enjoys bringing her friends.

Seven students and two trustees of the Thayer Academy and Thayerlands School of Braintree, Mass. came this afternoon and were shown through.

# Wayside Inn Diary

Sunday, April 28, 1935

Pleasant

Time never turns back, we know, but the clock was turned ahead at twelve o'clock last night and we are now on day-light saving time. It was most noticeable to us today in the number of sight seers who came between five and seven o'clock. It is usually quite dark shortly after six but it seemed so bright until nearly eight o'clock tonight.

Sundays are quickly becoming very busy days, 170 meals were served today and nearly all orders were from transients. The usual

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number of reservations were evident but most of our guests "just wandered in." We notice each day that many of our regular customers are coming back now that winter has passed.

The first baby goat of the season was born today at the Lamson barn on Dutton Road. The mother goat is Angora with long, white hair. Mr. Webb is very proud of the recent additions to his animal family. There are over forty baby lambs!

Wayside Inn Diary

Monday, April 29, 1935

Pleasant.

Mrs. F. Wayland Ayer of Boston and eleven guests had dinner in the old kitchen tonight. It was a charming group that gathered for perhaps the last old kitchen dinner of the season. It was a church club meeting at Mrs. Ayer's invitation to an old fashioned dinner at Wayside Inn.

One of our neighbors in Sudbury, Mr Will C. Curtis, is an eminent authority on "Wild Flower Gardens" and has a very attractive sanctuary covering thirty acres of woodland. Mr. Curtis has built roads and paths

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through the woods and has set out and labeled the flowers he has collected. One of the most interesting things he has done is to make alpine flowers grow in the lowest places on his estate. Flowers that are used to the dizzy heights above the timber line are thriving on the side of a bog.

Mr. Curtis wants his wild flower sanctuary, called "Garden in the Woods," to be a study center where people can come and spend their time learning about flowers that are no longer common.

Many of our guests enquire about the location of his place which is about two miles from the Inn.

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Mr. Curtis is assisted in his cultivation of wild flowers by Mr. Richard Styles of South Sudbury.

Will C. Curtis and Richard Styles at South Sudbury.

An article was written about Mr Curtis in the Boston Sunday Herald, April 28, 1935.

# Wayside Inn Diary

Tuesday, April 30, 1935

Rain.

Fifty one students and two teachers, Sister Anna Rose and Sister Mary Ursula, from the 9th grade of St. Rose's School, Chelsea, Mass. were guests this morning.

A very gay dinner and dancing party was held tonight at eight o'clock. Seventy chicken dinners were served after which the tables in the large dining room were removed and to the music of Steve Brayo orchestra the young and old were immediately dancing the old fashioned waltz. Dancing continued until nearly twelve thirty.

Tues. Apr. 30, 1935 Continued.

Mrs. C. D. Fletcher of Stow, Mass was the host. This is the second party of it's kind he has had this winter. We look forward to their visit again and the gay atmosphere that they bring with them.

# Wayside Inn Diary

Wednesday, May 1, 1935

Pleasant - Very windy.

Mr. George S. Tompkins, connected with the Boston Branch of the Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, was in charge of arrangements today for a luncheon for seventy people at twelve forty five. A two day convention in Boston is to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Eastern Dept. of the company. The home office is in San Francisco.

Their program for today included a sight seeing trip through Boston, Concord and Lexington, luncheon at Wayside Inn, the ball game at Braves' Field and a shore dinner at Hugo's on the Cape tonight.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Thursday, May 2, 1935

Pleasant.

When the Universalist Ministers gathered here for their annual retreat last January Rev. Dr. Vincent Tomlinson of Worcester was sorely missed by his fellow Fraters. Now, on the 36th anniversary of his First Universalist Pastorate, Dr. Tomlinson returns from an eight months tour of the world, from Worcester to Worcester around the world.

Dean of City's Ministers is Home Again

Rev. Dr. Vincent E. Tomlinson as he arrived home after an eight months' world tour.

Thurs. May 2, 1935 Continued

Twin goats were born today, one gray and the other jet black.

Mrs. John B. Pike and Mrs. Minnie W. McLaren, sisters, were guests this morning. These ladies are now living in Hiram, Maine occupying Wadsworth Hall which was at one time the home of Longfellow.

Wayside Inn Diary

Friday, May 3, 1935

Rain and Cold

With fifty members attending, the Old State House Chapter of the D. A. R. had their annual luncheon today at one o'clock in the large dining room. Transportation for the group was furnished by Ford dealers from Somerville and Melrose. Mrs. Russell B. Hall of Melrose was in charge of arrangements.

The Mohawk Motor Company, Ford dealers from Everett, Mass., brought twenty ladies for tea this afternoon. They were from the Glendale M. E. Church, Everett.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Saturday, May 4, 1935

A. M. Rain
P. M. Pleasant

Three school groups came in the morning. The first, a group of thirty-five, came at eight o'clock with Prof. Milton Fisher from the New Woodland St. School. Miss Mary E. Meagher and Mr. Robert V. Beals came with thirty-four pupils from the Mary E. Wells High School, Southbridge, Mass. Miss Bertha Piper came with eighteen pupils from Junior High School, Amherst, N. H.

Irving Barclett, a young boy about fifteen years old, was a visitor this afternoon and a most interesting and appreciative one.

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It was called the finest example of coach maker's work that had been made up to that time. The coach carries twelve people and was used at first on the Post Road from Boston to Worcester, later from Marlboro through Northboro and Shrewsbury to Worcester. In 1926, the coach was purchased for the Wayside Inn from the Northboro Historical Society.

Wayside Inn Diary

Sunday May 5, 1935

Pleasant.

Governor James M. Curley gave a dinner party at the Inn today for twenty people as special guests of Federal Employees - Local 100. Although not present, the Governor was represented by his assistant secretary, Alfred L. Smith. Included in this group were Senator and Mrs. McCarron of Nevada. Senator McCarron came to Boston early yesterday morning to attend a reunion of the National Federation of Post-office clerks last night. Others in the group were Congressman James M. Mead of N.Y., chairman of the postoffice and post roads committee

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of the House, Congressman John P. Higgins of Boston, a member of the same committee, Gilbert Hyatt, legislative representative of the National Federation of Postoffice Clerks, Emmett Whalen, president of the local (Boston) chapter, Joseph A. Hearn and John Harris of Boston.

Eleven young ladies, all students at Miss Wheelock's school in Boston, had dinner today.

It has been a very interesting day! We have noticed that many of our guests are travelling a bit earlier this year. 179 meals were served.

# Wayside Inn Diary

Monday, May 6, 1935 — Pleasant

The old kitchen on Mon April 29th. set for a kitchen dinner. Mrs. F. Wayland Ayer was hostess

It is very beautiful riding through the country just now when every tree and bush is filled with green buds. The apple orchard up on the mountain has still a greenish tinge but on looking closer one sees tight pink buds among the green.

Mrs. G. W. Russell and fourteen members of her club had dinner at seven o'clock.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Tuesday, May 7, 1935.

Pleasant.

Mr Burpee C. Wallace of Marlboro, Mass. is seen working each day in the old fashioned garden. He is a picturesque figure in his blue denim jacket and white hair.

The garden is always such an attractive spot. The statues have recently been painted making very spic and span for the summer months.

# Wayside Inn Diary

Wednesday, May 8, 1935

Pleasant.

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Sixteen ladies of the Ladies Aid Society of the Robinson Memorial M. E. Church, Circle C. and Blue Circle, had tea this afternoon as guests of the Malden Motor Company, Malden, Mass.

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Mrs. Gaston Plantiff and Miss Mary Ellen Plantiff of New York arrived at the Inn in time for dinner to-night and will probably stay until Friday afternoon. Mrs. Plantiff said she had many beautiful memories of days spent here. Mr. Plantiff, who passed away last winter, was for many years manager of the Ford Motor Co. in New York.

Wayside Inn Diary

Thursday, May 9, 1935

Pleasant

Sixteen members of the Executive Board of the Thursday Fortnightly Club of Dorchester had their annual luncheon today. The group was seated at one table in the large dining room and gathered for luncheon at twelve thirty. A meeting was held in the small ballroom afterwards.

Mlle J. Latapie of Paris joined Mrs. Plouteff here today and is planning to stay overnight. Mlle Latapie is the head of a very exclusive school in Paris where the majority of students are American and English.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Friday May 10, 1935

Shawsey.

Seventy-six members of the N. E. Baptist Hospital Alumnae Association with the graduating class of 1935 had dinner tonight. There were sixteen graduates seated at one table and fifteen ladies at the head table. This is an annual affair given each year to the graduating class. There was dancing after dinner directed by Mr. Albert Haynes with music furnished by Miss Muriel de Mille and Miss Florence Fisher. Old fashioned dancing was a novelty to most of the group but it was not long before they had con-

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guered the Duchess as well as the Barn Dance and were going through the mazes of the Sicilian Circle when it was time to go home. Judging from the merry laughs everyone had a good time.

Ten students from the senior class, Canaan High School, Canaan, New Hampshire were guests this afternoon.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Saturday, May 11, 1935

Pleasant.

G Melton Fisher and thirty two pupils of the Junior High School, Worcester, were our first visitors today. A group of forty four students came from Ballard School, East Saugus, Mass.

In the lower hall of the Inn is a pen and ink sketch of the Paint and Clay Club at supper at the Wayside Inn on Nov. 30, 1895. Mr. William Filene, who was a guest at dinner tonight was a member of the club at that time but absent on the night the sketch was made. Mr. Filene is one of the two members of the club still living.

Wayside Inn Diary

Sunday May 12, 1935

Pleasant

Oh Gift of God, a perfect day
Whereon shall no man work
but play
Wherein it is enough for me
Not to be doing, but to be.

Whittier

One of our most frequent guests is Dr. Meade of Winchester who came today for dinner and copied from memory the verse above. It is a perfect description of today, Mother's Day.

Seventy one members of the Catholic Daughters of America of Concord gathered in the large dining

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room at nine o'clock this morning for their annual Communion Breakfast. During breakfast Miss Muriel de Mille and Miss Marion Allen played several piano and violin selections. Miss Mary Cronin was the soloist accompanied by Miss Esther Cronin of Hudson. This is the second time we have had the pleasure of serving this group.

The dining rooms were especially attractive on this sunny Sabbath Day with branches of apple blossoms in large clusters and beautiful tulips in deep red color.

Wayside Inn Diary

Monday, May 13, 1935

Pleasant

Monday is usually an un-
eventful day at the Inn.
Today gives the opportunity
of jotting down a few "outside" happen-
ings. Boys at the school are
busy playing baseball. The tennis
courts at Calvin How are in use
every morning and evening and
very often through the day by those
who are not on duty at that time
Very soon the sheep and baby
lambs will be seen grazing in
the fields nearby. Wayside Inn
tulips have been very lovely
this year and should have special
mention.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Tuesday, May 14, 1935

Overcast.

The third annual meeting of the Capt. Elisha Jackson Chapter of the D. A. R., Gardner, Mass was held at the Inn today. Luncheon was served promptly at one o'clock and a meeting held in the ballroom afterwards. The ladies were all interested in our dear old Inn and cameras were snapping outside every minute even though the day was rather cloudy.

Fourteen members of Prof. Schell's "Wayside Groups" had dinner tonight and their usual gathering in the old kitchen after dinner.

Wayside Inn Diary

Wednesday, May 15, 1935.

Pleasant

Mrs. A. Maude Caulfield of Malden, Mass. was in charge of the groups of sixteen ladies who came for tea this afternoon as guests of the Malden Motor Co. These ladies were from the Malden Chapter #99, Order of Eastern Star. Before having tea the group was shown through the Inn. They were very much interested and delightful to the hostess who showed them through.

Wayside Inn Diary

Thursday, May 16, 1935.

Pleasant.

Our lilacs are very lovely this year. Although not in full blossom, they are rich in color and fragrance.

The hostess cottage is now ready to accommodate guests for overnight when all the rooms at the Inn are taken. It is an ideal spot located on Sutton Road facing the Post Road but separated from it by a large green pasture where the sheep are so often seen during the summer months.

Today has been quite busy, 103 meals were served.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Friday, May 17, 1935

Pleasant.

At one o'clock today seven students from the Boston School of Interior Decoration had dinner in the old kitchen. It differed somewhat from the regular meal served in the kitchen. It was a luncheon party and by special arrangement served in the kitchen where the shades were lowered and the candles lighted. It was a delightful group and they were most appreciative.

We miss the children dancing classes on Friday afternoons. They are being held at Dutton Lodge for the remainder of the school year.

Wayside Inn Diary

Saturday, May 18, 1935.

Pleasant

Prof. Milton Fisher made his usual trip to the Inn this morning with 35 pupils from the Woodland Street School, Worcester.

Twenty-five members of the Rotary Club, Classical High School, Worcester, came this afternoon. During the remaining weeks we expect many school groups.

We were very busy tonight. Nearly ninety meals were served after six o'clock, 160 meals all day. All rooms were taken at the Inn and two twin bed rooms rented at the Hostess Cottage.

# Wayside Inn Diary.

Sunday, May 19, 1935

Pleasant

Although the lilacs have been very attractive for nearly a week, they are in full blossom today and are greatly admired by guests, many of whom drive out especially to see the 'Wayside Inn Lilacs.' They seem more gorgeous this year than ever before and the bushes are filled with lovely lavender blossoms and fresh green leaves. There are great tall bushes along many of the old dirt roads surrounding the Inn. Many bushes are found around the Parmenter house and one in particular at the Redcoat house

Sun. May 19, 1935 Continued.

is beautiful. The blossoms are deep lavender color, quite unusual, and attracting much attention from passers-by. The season has been ideal for them.

We have been very busy today. 263 meals were served.

Wayside Inn Diary

Monday May 20, 1935

Pleasant.

We were very happy tonight to have Mrs. Grace Coolidge staying overnight with us. Mrs. A. B. Adams of Northampton was with Mrs. Coolidge and they were delighted to be able to come at this time of year when the surroundings about the Inn are so lovely. They are planning to leave in the morning.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Tuesday May 21, 1935

Pleasant.

Sixty members and guests of the Needham Teachers Club, Needham Mass had dinner at six thirty tonight. After dinner everyone joined in the merriment of old fashioned dancing. Mr. Albert Hayes directed the dancing and Miss Florence Fisher and Miss Muriel de Mille played. Until eleven o'clock their laughter could be heard coming from the dining room where they had been taught the Waltz, Badger Gavotte, Barn Dance, Virginia Reel, Quadrille and the Duchess.

Wayside Inn Diary

Wednesday May 22, 1935

Pleasant

**TALLY-HO PARTIES AT GRAYMARE**

One of the most amusing as well as smartest innovations of recent years is undoubtedly the old fashioned ride in a Tally-Ho now being featured at Graymare, located at 907 Watertown street, West Newton. The Tally-Ho being used at Graymare was originally made about 40 years ago by the Brewster Company, then located on Broome street, New York city, and present day manufacturers of custom made automobile bodies. This particular Tally-Ho which can accommodate 15 persons was owned by Mr. Sturgis, who at the time was the head of the Sturgis stables, composed of several splendid show horses.

The Tally-Ho is drawn by two large horses instead of four as was the custom, due to the fact that with the tremendous amount of automobile traffic encountered today, it is much easier and safer to handle only two horses. Parties arranging for rides may choose a trip either to Wellesley or Weston, and may stop off at an appointed inn for supper if desired. Reservations must be made at least a week in advance. Prices are reasonable and the fun to be derived unlimited. The Tally-Ho is driven by a regular coachman of 15 years experience, and there is full equipment for everything including harnesses, foot stools, high silk hats, etc. In addition to the Tally-Ho coach, Graymare also has available a Paris Coach which can accommodate 10 people. This means that 25 persons can participate in these rides. It's old fashioned, yet it's new and thoroughly enjoyable for both young and old.

We are very much interested in reading of the Tally-Ho parties at Graymare in West Newton. How interesting these rides would be if they came as far as the Wayside Inn and what a thrilling sight it would be to see the fair maidens

Wed. May 22, 1935 Continued.

and their escarts stepping from the coach thew into ye Wayside Inn. It reminds me, too, of the poster in the bar room advertising the "Cricket" and coaching in 1901 from the Hotel Touraine in Boston to Wayside Inn.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hill of Sudbury came late thes afternoon and is staying four or five days.

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Wayside Inn Diary.

Thursday May 23, 1935

Pleasant.

Miss Eleanor Cole, an associate editor of the Congregational Publishing Society of Boston, was in charge of arrangements for a party of sixty-four who had dinner at the Inn tonight. The group present were editors of the Illustrated Story Paper - Editorial Section of the International Council of Religious Education of the U.S.A. and Canada.

A letter was received this morning from one of six ladies who stayed overnight last Saturday. They came every year about this same time to study the birds around the Inn. In her letter

Thurs May 23, 1935 Continued

was enclosed a list of the birds they saw Sunday morning.

1 Whip poor will
2 Cat bird
3 Robin
4 Red winged blackbird
5 Blue jay
6 Chebec
7 Grackle (bronzed)
8 Mourning dove
9 Yellow warbler
10 Rose breasted grosbeak
11 Song sparrow
12 Fox sparrow
13 Wren
14 Starling
15 Goldfinch
16 Chipping sparrow
17 Red eyed vireo
18 Crow
19 Parula warbler
20 English sparrow
21 Redstart
22 Solitary sandpiper
23 Downy woodpecker
24 Ovenbird
25 Phoebe
26 Chewink
27 Prairie warbler
28 Field sparrow
29 Black throated green warbler.
30 Chickadee

Thurs. May 23, 1935 Continued.

31 Pine warbler
32 Swift
33 Eve swallow
34 Bank swallow
35 Bobalink
36 Little green heron
37 Black duck
38 Nut hatch
39 Flicker.

# Wayside Inn Diary.

Friday May 24, 1935

Pleasant.

Fifteen ladies from the "Antiques Group" of the Winchester Fortnightly Club came this morning to see the Inn. There were many ladies wandering about the grounds and connected with the same club. Many had visited the Inn before but were anxious to see the garden.

Two stage dancers, "Fowler and Tamara" were among our visitors this afternoon. They are very famous both in America and abroad and have danced before the King of Spain and other famous people. They were delighted with the atmosphere of the Inn and are coming again

Wayside Inn Diary.

Saturday May 25, 1935

Pleasant

This has certainly been a day for groups! Two hundred and twenty students were shown through the Inn. The first - a group of 28 with Professor Fisher from the Heard Street School, Worcester. Group 2 - 42 pupils from Millbury Junior High School, Millbury, Mass. Two groups of Scouts, 26 girls from Troup 38, Longmeadow, Mass and 7 boys from Troup 5, Norumbega Council, Auburndale Mass. From State Teachers College, New Briton, Conn came 42 students and 2 teachers, and soon after 28 Little Sisters of the Fleur de Lis of Christ Church, Waltham, Mass.

Sat. May 25 1935 Continued.

The last group to come had made reservations to stay overnight and were from the State Normal School, Plattsburgh, N.Y. There were fourteen students and two teachers. Half the group was accommodated in the Hostess Cottage.

# Wayside Inn Diary

Sunday May 26, 1935

Pleasant.

This gorgeous Sunday afternoon has been as busy as could be. Guests have been coming continually since early morning, 200 meals have been served and nearly 250 guests were shown through the Inn. We realize what an education we are able to give people who can learn by sight the differences in living two hundred years ago and now. There was warmth and comfort then as well as health and happiness. Different articles in furniture speak of their ways of living. They tell of the pioneer life of early America

Sun. May 26, 1935. Continued

The Lilacs in Bloom.

Wayside Inn Diary

Monday, May 27, 1935

Pleasant

The Garden – May 1935.

A group of twenty three had luncheon at one table in the old dining room at noon today. One gentleman signed in the special register for the entire group – "C.C. Club of Boston – 23 Theological Critics enjoyed a delightful meal and happy fellowship." All agreed the Wayside Inn is the best yet for our Spring outing.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Tuesday, May 28, 1935

Pleasant.

Mrs. Earl P. Robinson and 34 members of the Past Presidents' Club of the Franklin Women's Club had their annual luncheon and meeting at the Inn today. The group was served luncheon on the porch and gathered in the old ballroom for their meeting afterwards. Another group of eight ladies had luncheon and played bridge after in the Edison room.

The "Queens of Avalon" of Marlboro had dinner at the Inn tonight. There were about forty members in the group. After dinner they all went up to the small ballroom where entertainment was furnished by a few of the members.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Wednesday May 29, 1935

Pleasant.

The English Hawthorne tree, now covered with deep pink blossoms, is attracting much attention in front of the Inn. It is very beautiful. The tiny buds resemble a little rose and clusters of these fill the tree. Many guests remark how well it fits into the picture here, it seems so quaint and old.

Twelve students and their teacher from the South School, Berlin, Mass. were guests of the Inn today. Before entering the Inn their teacher told them "to breathe and be comfortable but not to touch a thing." They were an interesting and interested group.

Wayside Inn Diary

Thursday, May 30, 1935

Pleasant.

Memorial Day holiday was a very exciting day at the Inn. Guests were buzzing with excitement and one in particular attracted much attention and caused quite a stir. Little Alyce Jane McHenry of Omaha, Nebraska whose upside-down stomach was righted by Dr. Philemon E. Truesdale of Fall River was our special guest of the day. It has been some time since any guest has won or perhaps "stolen the day." She was a charming youngster and thrilled at seeing the Inn, Mill and the Little Red Schoolhouse. With Alyce was her mother, father and sister and Shirley Adams and Mrs. Adams of Boston.

Thurs. May 30 1935 Continued

Alyce Jane McHenry
of Omaha, Net.
May 30, 1935.

The McHenry Family

Alyce Jane (right) and Shirley Adams (left).

Wayside Inn Diary.

Friday, May 31, 1935

Overcast.

For the first time in many years the white, low ceilinged ball-room of Wayside Inn was the scene of a wedding tonight when Miss Margaret Lieu of Dorchester was married to Albert W. Richards of Waban. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Joseph Mac Donald, pastor of the Union Church, Waban. About sixty guests attended the reception. The small dining room was beautifully decorated and arranged for the buffet supper which followed. "I may not be the first bride to wed here but I am one of the happiest, I am sure!" said Mrs. Richards.

The Inn and surroundings were

Fri May 31, 1935 Continued

SOUTH SUDBURY, May 31— For the first time perhaps since guests arrived in rumbling stage-coaches, Henry Ford's Wayside Inn swung wide its ancient and hospitable doors tonight to welcome a bride and to lend its mellowed charms as a setting for a wedding.

### TEACHER IS BRIDE

Miss Margaret O. Lien, a teacher at the Mather Grammar School in Dorchester, was the bride, and Albert W. Richards of 17 Upland road, Waban, the bridegroom.

Local antiquarians searched their books and memories for records of a wedding. The records were not available in short order but the verdict was that the old house nas seen weddings but they were held long ago, perhaps even before Washington and Lafayette chatter together in the dining room on their way to lay the cornerstone of Bunker Hill.

Even before the inn was built in 1685 historians say King Philip and his warriors gathered here for feasts and held weddings of their own.

### A Native of Norway

Half-hidden from the roadside by masses of lilac bushes in bloom the old inn was at its most gracious best for the nuptials and it is doubtful if it ever housed a gayer wedding party.

Miss Lien, a native of Norway, was a typical Viking bride; tall, fair and slim in her gown of white mousseline de soie, with its square pleated ruffled neck and tulle veil. She carried a large bouquet of lilies of the valley with an orchid in the centre.

The wedding ceremony was held in the old ballroom, built about 1800 where, after the Revolution, couples danced to the stately minuet.

### 50 Guests Present

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Joseph MacDonald, pastor of the Union Church in Waban. Williard Richards, brother of the bridegroom, was best man, and Edgar and William Lien, brothers of the bride, were ushers.

Miss Lillian Lien, sister of the bride, in a gown of flowered print organdie and a white leghorn hat with field flowers, was maid-of-honor.

About 50 guests attended the wedding. The wedding march was played on the old organ by Miss Florence Fisher and at the close of the ceremony some Norwegian music was played.

Whether or not the bride's decision to have her wedding amid such historic settings will start a new style is not known. She said that she ate dinner there once and was so struck by the charm of the old inn that she saw its possibilities especially, she said, as her own home was too small to entertain a large number of guests.

### Homey and Gracious

"It was so homey, and gracious that I just couldn't resist it," she explained. "I may not be the first bride to wed here, but I am one of the happiest, I am sure of that."

After the ceremony supper was served in the dining room where once Longfellow and Hawthorne had eaten as well as the more recent great men, Edison, Firestone and Henry Ford.

At the close of the wedding feast the bride donned her traveling costume and left with her husband on an automobile trip for New York.

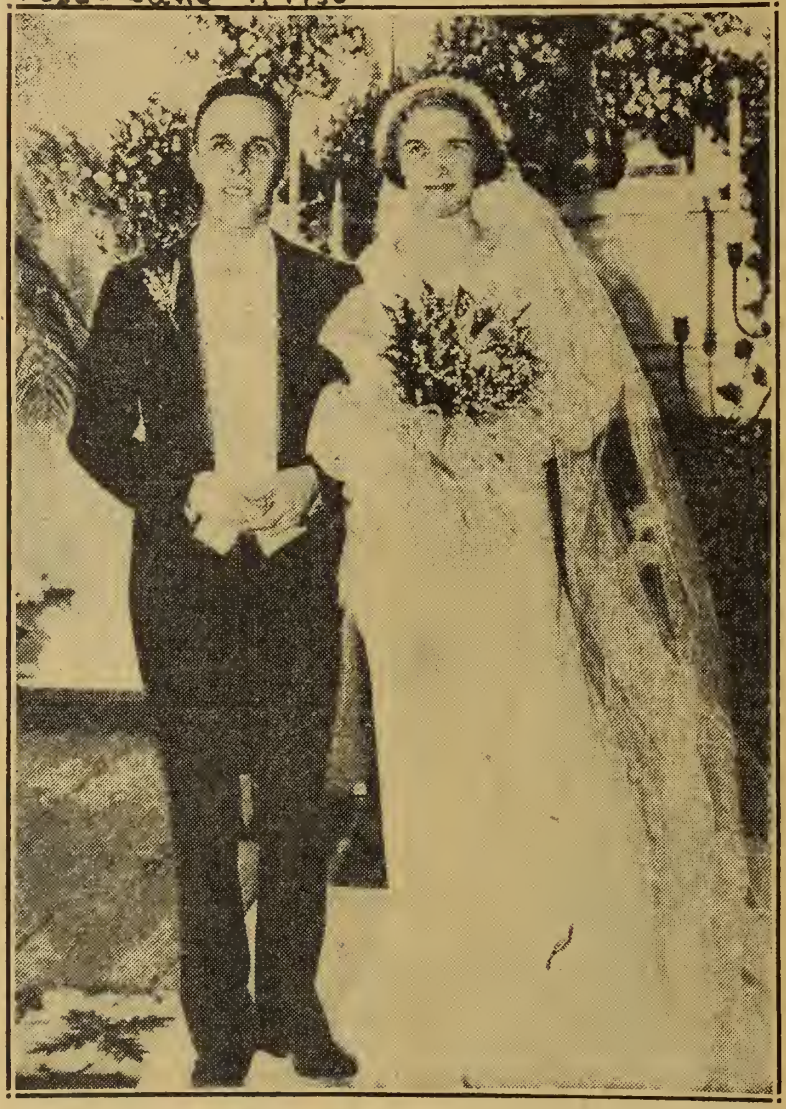
at their best tonight. Masses of lilacs in bloom were very gracious to those entering. It was a gay wedding party amid a historic and charming setting.

The 1922 Bridge Club of Hudson, Mass. had luncheon at noon and played bridge afterwards. Eight members attended.

Fri. May 31, 1935 Continued.

# Wayside Inn Scene of Happy Wedding

Post - June 1, 1935



COUPLE WED AT HISTORIC INN

Albert W. Richards of Waban and his bride, the former Miss Margaret P. Lien, Dorchester High School teacher, who were married at Henry Ford's historic Wayside Inn in Sudbury, last night.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Saturday, June 1, 1935.

Pleasant.

"And what is so rare as a day in June
Then, if ever, come perfect days."
Lowell.

Another day of groups!
Eighty four children from the 7th and 8th grades of Athol Junior High School were guests of the Inn today. A group of 23 scouts were shown through this morning. A most interesting group of children from Harwick Mass., 30 in all, were visitors today. The children have merited their days outing by earning money through the winter months. They do this by hooking rugs and selling them, running

Sat June 1. 1935 Continued

whist parties and penny sales and each year trying to earn 100.00 They had luncheon near the Little School-house and then visited the store for soda, candy and ice cream. They deserve this happy day because of their effort to come.

A 25th wedding anniversary party had dinner in the old dining room tonight. There were eight People in the group celebrating with Mr. and Mrs. William L. Stidger of Newtonville Mass. "the bride and groom."

Wayside Inn Diary.

Sunday June 2, 1935.

Pleasant

Another June and perhaps the loveliest time of year at the Inn, — warm, lovely days, green grass all about and the beginning of a real busy season, tourists starting a round of pleasure trips and a visit at the Inn. The garden, beautifully dressed in pastel colors, is a favorite spot. Dressed in green, yellow, pink and lavender, it is a rainbow of loveliness.

We have had our largest number of eight seers today. Guests came from far and near to visit the spot in Sudbury town where Longfellow and his friends

Sun. June 2, 1935 Continued.

sat to tell their imaginary tales.

We note that 23 states and 3 foreign countries are represented in our register today.

France, Canada and Ireland.

States.

New Jersey
Maine
Massachusetts
Pennsylvania
New York
California
Michegan
Ohio
Alabama
Connecticut
Texas
Missouri
North Carolina
Wisconsin
Minnesota
Utah
Arizona
New Hampshire
Georgia
Montana
Nevada
Rhode Island
Maryland.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Monday June 3. 1935

Pleasant.

Students from Hillsboro, N.H. May 25, 1935.

Fourteen ladies had luncheon at noon as guests of Mrs. Stephen Ireland and the State Life Insurance Company of Worcester. The majority of the group are from the West and are attending an insurance convention in Worcester.

Twenty five students and Willard G. Freeman of Jr. High School, Boylston, were guests this afternoon.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Tuesday. June 4, 1935

Rain.

The rain hasn't prevented us from having a very busy day.

Mrs. Arthur S. Kelley of Winchester Mass. was the hostess at a luncheon party in the old kitchen. The meal was not prepared in the kitchen but served from our "new" kitchen. Although very dull and unpleasant outside, the group found plenty of atmosphere within the paneled walls upon which the firelight glowed, casting shadows in different places about the room. While this group played bridge in the small ballroom, a group of eight ladies were playing in the Edison room having had luncheon as

Tues. June 4, 1935 Continued.

guests of Mrs. Briggs.

Thirty four students and their school principal, John D. Provanzali, of the 6th grade, the Woodrow Wilson School, Maynard, Mass., were guests this afternoon.

Prof. Schelli Wayside Group gathered for dinner with thirteen members coming. They were served at one table on the porch and had their meeting in the old kitchen afterward.

Another table was reserved for seven o'clock by Mr. John Fitger of Lowell Mass. who had seventeen guests for dinner.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Wednesday, June 5, 1935

Pleasant.

Two luncheon parties came today. One a group of nine ladies as guests of Mrs. S. W. Wilson. The second, a group of twenty ladies from Concord attending a luncheon given by Mrs. Harold Cabot.

Two groups were shown through besides our regular tourists who come. Twenty five pupils came from Wenham Junior High School and twelve student nurses from the General Hospital, Lowell, Mass. These Junior High school groups are usually very much interested in the Inn because they have already read the Tales or are planning to very soon. Many guests after

Wed June 5, 1935 Continued.

hearing about the parlor and seeing the same old pieces that Longfellow described in the prelude often remark, "I have never read these stories but I'll be sure to now."

Wayside Inn Diary

Thursday. June 6, 1935

Rain

It has been somewhat quiet today, a little bit down after a stretch of busy days.

Our next door neighbor, Miss Marilyn Field, is often seen riding along the road with her pony and cart

Thirty two ladies came for tea this afternoon as guests of the Middlesex Sales, Inc. Ford dealers from Medford Mass.

Wayside Inn Diary

Friday. June 7, 1935

Showery.

Before the day started, we expected to be very busy and had many reservations entered on our calendar.

Mrs. G. L. Dodd of Wrentham and thirty members of the Wrentham Garden Club had luncheon at one long table in the old dining room and a meeting in the small ballroom.

Mrs. Daniel Fiske Jones of Boston entertained a group of eleven at luncheon served in the old kitchen. Her guests were the wives of doctors attending a convention in Boston of the American Surgical Society.

Another group of thirty eight were served luncheon on the porch.

Fri. June 7, 1935 Continued

These ladies and gentlemen are on a tour from Chicago to Boston under the direction of the Wilson Tours. The entire group are Christian Scientists and their trip to Boston is to visit the Mother Church of their religion and combine with it as much of a historical tour as possible.

From Saugus Junior High School a group of 125 pupils and three teachers came to see the Inn.

Thirty two pupils of Lymanville School. North Providence, R.I. were visitors this afternoon.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Saturday June 8, 1935

A.M. Fair
P.M. Showers.

Thirty five members of Boston University's Class of 1900 held their 35th reunion here this afternoon. Many members came from Boston, two from California and others from New York.

Dr. and Mrs. Reinhold Luelberg of Wellesley Farms celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary by having a dinner party for twelve at six o'clock tonight.

We have had many school groups, too! Thirty five pupils and teachers of grade eight Manville Grammar School, Manville R.I. and the graduating class of the

Sat June 8, 1935 Continued

Grammar School, Bradford N.H. came this morning. Nine members of the Ash St. School Staff, Manchester N.H. had luncheon at noon. Thirty Junior Achievement Champions of Springfield Mass chaperoned by Laura H. Dixon came late this afternoon making this their last stop on their return trip. Twenty eight boys and girls from the Community School, grades 7 and 8, Arnold Mills R.I. accompanied by their teacher and ten parents were a much interested group and thoroughly enjoyed their trip through the Inn.

In the evening a group of 26 dentists arrived. They are taking a course at Forsyth Dental School, Boston and are employed by the W. K. Kellogg

Sat. June 8, 1935 Continued

Foundation. They are all practicing in private offices and on special days during the week they join in work for the children of their state counties. It is an educational program as well and they are all keenly interested in their work.

A group of 22 students arrived shortly after eight o'clock. They were interested in the sun but dreadfully tired after a very exciting day.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Sunday June 9. 1935.

Rain.

A kind of old Hobgoblin Hall
With weather stains upon the wall
The stairways worn, and crazy doors,
And creaking and uneven floors.

Such an old tavern is still standing on the old Boston Post Road. Made famous by Longfellow's "Tales of a Wayside Inn", it has become a Mecca of thousands who visit "where men lived in a grander way!" The Wayside Inn is now a constant reminder of colonial days. We have splendid antiques which Mr. Ford has collected and the surroundings are beautiful. We welcome the visitor!

Wayside Inn Diary.

Monday June 10, 1935

Rain

A testimonial dinner to Mr. William H. Slayton was given at the Inn tonight with 220 members of the Waltham Teachers Association present.

1925 - 1935

Testimonial Dinner

to

William H. Slayton

On the completion of

Ten Years of Service as

Superintendent of Schools

Waltham, Massachusetts

The Wayside Inn

Sudbury, Massachusetts

June 10, 1935

## *Speakers*

MISS MARGARET F. MAGOLEY
President, Waltham Teachers' Association

MR. GEORGE L. WARD, Toastmaster
Head of English Department, Waltham High School

MAYOR FREDERICK L. MacDONALD,
Chairman, Waltham School Committee

MRS. GRACE I. WOODBURY,
President, Massachusetts Teachers' Federation

MR. JEROME BURTT,
Supervisor of Secondary Education, Massachusetts

*Presentation by*

MR. ARTHUR N. BURKE
Principal, Waltham High School

MISS MARJORIE CLEAVES, Instructor of Music
North Junior High School, Song Leader

MISS ROSE CATALDO, Hill School — Pianist

## *Menu*



Tomato Juice Cocktail

Olives — Pickles — Radishes

Roast Beef — Mushroom Sauce

French Fried Potatoes — New Peas

Corn Bread — Rolls

Ice Cream — Strawberry Sauce

Coffee

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Mon. June 10, 1935 Continued

Today starts a week of activity for the school children, the Redstone, the Southwest, the Boys. It is commencement week at the Wayside Inn Schools!

The Wayside Inn Boys School
cordially invites you to attend
the events of
Commencement Week
beginning June tenth, nineteen thirty-five

MONDAY—Wayside Inn Boys School Picnic

TUESDAY—Redstone and Southwest Picnic

Wayside Inn Boys School Field Day

9.00 A. M. Outdoor Events

2.00 P. M. Baseball Game

WEDNESDAY—Graduation Banquet—Dutton Lodge—7.15 P. M.

(Subscription 75 cents)

THURSDAY—Tree Planting Exercises

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| Wayside Inn Boys School | 9.30 A. M. |
| Redstone | 10.00 A. M. |
| Southwest | 10.30 A. M. |

Graduation Exercises

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| Redstone and Southwest | 7.15 P. M. |
| Wayside Inn Boys School | 8.15 P. M. |

FRIDAY—Graduation Ball—8.00 P. M.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Tuesday June 11. 1935.

Pleasant.

Mrs. Belle Rich's Club of the Ladies Aid Society of the First M. E. Church, Medford, were guests of the Middlesex Sales Inc. Medford Ford dealers. There were twenty nine ladies in the group who came for tea and to see the Inn.

The flowers continue to be very beautiful. New blossoms are seen each day. The lacust tree is in bloom at the left of the front door of the Inn. It is greatly admired by our guests.

# Wayside Inn Diary

Wednesday June 12, 1935

Pleasant.

Twenty ladies drove up to the Inn today from West Warwick R. I. for their annual club luncheon. Mrs. Tom Clay was in charge of arrangements for the St. Phillips Woman's Guild.

Seventy three students and two teachers from Prospect St. School, Pawtucket R. I. came this afternoon. A second group came from the Cottage St. School in Pawtucket. A hundred children came in this group so "Pawtucket schools were well represented. In the last group were two little girls who have been in this country only two years, one was born in Poland, one in Armenia.

Wayside Inn Diary

Thursday June 13 1935

Pleasant

Sixteen ladies had tea this afternoon as guests of the Bonnell Motors, Winchester Mass. This is the first group brought by this Motor Co. so we are looking forward to bigger groups and more often. Three school groups came today. Forty girls from the History Circle, Clinton High School, thirty six pupils from St. Dunstan's School Providence R.I., and thirty five members of the senior class, Immaculate Conception School, Lowell, Mass.

The Graduating Exercises of the Wayside Inn Schools were held tonight in the large ballroom, well attended by parents and friends of the graduates.

Thurs. June 13, 1935 Continued

# GRADUATION EXERCISES

of the

# Wayside Inn Schools

Thursday, June 13, 1935

at the

# Wayside Inn

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| REDSTONE AND SOUTHWEST | 7.15 P. M. |
| WAYSIDE INN BOYS SCHOOL | 8.15 P. M. |

## Redstone and Southwest Schools

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| MARCH | Miss Fisher<br>Miss de Mille |
| SONG—"The Moon and Her Children" | Southwest and Redstone |
| CLASS HISTORY—REDSTONE | Jack Hurd<br>Roland Eaton |
| RECITATION | Charles Buzzell, Southwest |
| FOLK SONGS | Redstone |
| RECITATION—Mary Had A Little Lamb | Gloria Bonazzoli, Redstone |
| RECITATION—Little Boy Blue | Clifford Belcher<br>Jean Provan, Redstone |
| SONG—"The Angelus" | Southwest |
| CIVIC CREED | Jean Geehan, Redstone |
| RECITATION | David Bentley, Southwest |
| FOLK SONGS | Redstone |
| ADDRESS | Mr. William F. Young |
| PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS | Mrs. William H. Spicer |
| SONG—"Bird Calls" | Southwest |
| CLASS POEM | Redstone<br>(Members of graduating Class) |
| SONG—"Now The Day Is Over" | Southwest and Redstone |
| MARCH | Miss Fisher<br>Miss de Mille |

## Wayside Inn Boys School

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| MARCH | Wayside Inn Trio |
| SONG—"Anchors Aweigh" | Boys Chorus |
| INVOCATION | Rev. Edward A. Bullock<br>First Baptist Church, Marlborough |
| PIANO SOLOS | Wilfred Allen<br>Robert Johnson |
| REMARKS | Mr. Young |
| SONG—"Way Down Yonder" | Boys Chorus |
| GRADUATION ADDRESS | Rev. William Wallace Rose, D. D.<br>First Universalist Church, Lynn |
| PIANO DUETS | Wilfred Allen<br>Robert Johnson |
| PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS | Mrs. William H. Spicer |
| SCHOOL SONG<br>(*Words by Robert Cook '36*) | Boys Chorus |
| BENEDICTION | Rev. Edward A. Bullock |
| MARCH | Wayside Inn Trio |

# Graduates 1935

## WAYSIDE INN BOYS SCHOOL

Robert James Wallace

Carl Winthrop Hayes

Albert Joseph Niedbala

Wallace Welch

Stanley Joseph Derewlanka

Roland Lawrence Gardner

## SOUTHWEST SCHOOL

Charles Edmond Buzzell, Jr.

David Harry Bentley

## REDSTONE SCHOOL

Gloria Louise Bonazzoli

Clifford Sherman Belcher

Albert Roland Eaton

Doris Jean Geehan

Jack Hurd

Jean Patterson Provan

Wayside Inn Diary.

Friday June 14, 1935

Pleasant

It has been some time since a real ball has been held at the Inn. Tonight the graduation ball began at eight thirty and from then on everyone danced to the tune of Steve Brays orchestra. The hall was well attended, the bench along both sides of the room being filled and people standing at both ends. Several dinner guests enjoyed watching the old fashioned dancing, a novelty to some of them

A party of 126 had dinner at seven o'clock tonight. They were attending a convention of librarians in Boston which is being held for three days.

Wayside Inn Diary

Saturday June 15 1935

Showery.

This has been a busy day in the dining room and around the house. Forty eight pupils, their school principal and teacher were among our early visitors.

A group of fifteen members of the Elementary Principals Club Fall River Mass had dinner at noon.

The 20th anniversary of the 1915 Graduating class of Worcester Polytechnic Institute was held at the Inn tonight. Dinner was served to thirty members and their wives. After dinner the ladies played bridge in the small ballroom, the "graduates" stayed in the old kitchen.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Sunday June 16, 1935

Pleasant 80°

Two overnight guests were very much interested in the Inn and this morning signed the register in this way —
J. M. Morgan, Norwich England and W. Famber, Olten Switzerland.
"This historical place made a deep impression on us. Heartiest congratulations for the wise spirit of conserving this remarkable house."

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bryant and Mrs. Wallace of Dearborn Mich. came this afternoon and are planning to stay until Wednesday. They are here for Miss Frances Bryant's graduation from Radcliff on Wednesday.

# Wayside Inn Diary

Monday June 17 1935

Pleasant & Showers 85°

Bunker Hill Day is a holiday in Boston but not celebrated to any great extent out this far. We are especially interested today, however, because one of our stage coaches was taken to Charlestown this morning where they are observing the 160th anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill. In 1824 General Lafayette and Daniel Webster rode in this same coach from Wayside Inn to Charlestown to attend the laying of the corner stone of Bunker Hill Monument.

The men were picking strawberries on the mountain today, the first time this year.

Wayside Inn Diary

Tuesday June 18, 1935

Rain 56°

Many nice things happen at the Inn but the nicest is when the Innkeeper and his wife come. And so today we were pleased to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Ford and Mr. Campsall. They arrived shortly after noon, had luncheon and dinner and left at nine in the evening. Although it was a very short visit, it was so nice to see them again Mr. and Mrs. Ford are planning to attend Miss Frances Bryant's graduation from Radcliffe tomorrow morning.

The Shrewsbury Bridge Club came at noon, had a baked ham luncheon and played bridge in the

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small ballroom Mrs. John H. Wilson was in charge of arrangements. Their money plan is interesting. At each meeting the members are taxed twenty five cents and on every fourth Tuesday they have a luncheon at some Inn nearby. The change, they say, keeps them, "healthy, humorous and happy."

And so another day ends, brought to a close with the happy memory of a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Ford.

Wayside Inn Diary

Wednesday June 19. 1935

Rain & Overcast 60°

Such a busy and interesting day! At noon nineteen ladies came for luncheon from the West Newbury Musical Club. A group of ninety students from East Carolina's Teachers College, Greenville, North Carolina, were guests of the Inn. Twelve ladies of the Somerville Chapter # 206 Order of Eastern Star had tea at three o'clock.

Six o'clock in the evening and we find twenty nine ladies gathering for dinner on the porch. A "farewell" party at which time two teachers are retiring and the third leaving to be married. To

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this young lady was presented a lovely bouquet from which twenty white ribbons were hung and on each ribbon end a crisp dollar bill.

Reverend Raymond Lang and eleven church associates of Natick Mass. had dinner at seven o'clock and a meeting afterwards.

Blue Line Tours bring many sight seers every day.

# Wayside Inn Diary

Thursday June 20, 1935

Rain 60°

In the morning a group of forty three students came from the Pawtucket, R. I. Grammar School

Five years have passed since the Country Store was opened officially. On June 20, 1930 Bill Parmenters old store was reopened at Wayside Inn. Everyone was enthusiastic and in five years we still find guests thrilled to visit a store built before the Revolutionary War. Mrs. Ford and members of the Farm and Garden Marketing Committee were present at the opening.

# Wayside Inn Diary

Friday June 21. 1935

Pleasant 80°

The senior class of the Townsend High School held their class banquet at the Inn tonight. There were twenty served at one table in the new dining room. The group arrived about an hour before dinner time and went outside to see the mill, the schoolhouse and the coaches. After dinner they remained in the dining room and held a "class night" reading aloud the will, prophecy and history of their class.

Three school groups were guests today. They were from the Greystone School No. Providence, North Scituate School and Clayville School,

Clayville R. I

Wayside Inn Diary

Saturday June 22, 1935

Pleasant 82°

The Oles Club of Worcester came for luncheon at one thirty today and played bridge in the small ballroom.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis C. Ledyard were overnight guests tonight. Their wedding at 4 o'clock this afternoon was a brilliant affair in the presence of Boston and New York Society.

# Miss Thayer Is Married in Lancaster

In the presence of distinguished members of New York and Boston society, Miss Evelyn Thayer became the bride of Mr. Lewis Cass Ledyard, 3d, of New York yesterday afternoon. She is the daughter of Mr. John Eliot Thayer of Lancaster, who gave her hand in marriage, and of Mrs. Warren Thayer of Clinton road, Brookline, and "Maplehurst farm," Lancaster, where the reception was held. Mr. Ledyard's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Cass Ledyard of Syosset, Long Island, N. Y.

It was an all-white wedding and was solemnized at 4 o'clock in the First Church of Christ, Lancaster, by the Rev. Frederic Weiss, rector of the church. The bride wore traditional white satin, made on exceedingly simple lines with buttons down the back. From a small lace cap descended her veil of Venetian lace, a family heirloom. Her flowers were lilies-of-the-valley and white orchids.

The bride's four attendants—Mrs. Charles Emlen Channing (Katherine Thayer) and Miss Sylvia Thayer, her two sisters, and Miss Katharine Winthrop of Manchester and Miss Nancy Shaw of Prides Crossing—were costumed exactly alike in white shirred chiffon dresses fashioned with short capes. Their hats also were white and were made of stitched organdie. Green bows on their hats, the green belts on their gowns and green shoes were the only color accents.

With the exception of Mr. Arthur Dupee, Jr., Mr. Robert Stewart and Mr. Malcolm Stewart, the ushers were all from out-of-town and included Mr. Parmely Webb Herrick, Jr., of New York, who was married last August to the former Katharine Gardner of Brookline; Mr. Allston Boyer of New York, husband of the former Charlotte Young; and Mr. Philip Boyer, Jr., Mr. David Tiffany, Mr. Arthur Choate, Jr., and Mr. James H. Weekes, also of New York. Other ushers were Mr. G. Herman Kinnicutt of Far Hills, N. J., and Mr. Hugh McB. Johnston of Chicago. For his best man, Mr. Ledyard had Mr. Robert Grant, 3d, of Jericho, Long Island.

Two sisters of the bridegroom, Mrs. William V. C. Ruxton and Mrs. Richard Knight, were among the out-of-town guests at the wedding. Their mother is the former Ruth Emery and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Manning Emery of Hubbard park, Cambridge.

The bride is a member of both the Junior League and Vincent Club. She was presented in January, 1933, at a dance given by her aunt, Mrs. Samuel D. Warren of Marlborough street. Prior to her debut she attended Miss Hall's school in Pittsfield and studied abroad for a year.

Mr. Ledyard has just completed his first year at Yale law school. He was graduated from Harvard last June and belonged to the A. D. and Hasty Pudding Club. He is also a member of the Tennis and Racquet Club and the Harvard Club of N. Y. His preparatory school was Groton. Mr. and Mrs. Ledyard will spend the summer in Honolulu and will make their home in Woodbridge, Ct., after the first of September. Their engagement was announced last January.

# Wayside Inn Diary.

Sunday June 23, 1935

Pleasant 78°

Recalling with pageantry scenes of the days when the town was founded 300 hundred years ago, the people of Hingham Mass. opened their Tercentenary celebration today. Many famous old homes in the town have been opened to the visitors who are coming from distant points. Thousands are expected to visit the town within the next few days. We, too, have historical interest for thousands who visit each year.

Tea was served to twenty six this afternoon. The group rode on horseback over here from Concord.

Wayside Inn Diary

Monday June 24, 1935

Pleasant - rain 77°

This evening brought many guests to the Inn. At five thirty the Methuen Ministers Association and their wives had dinner, eighteen were in the group. At six thirty seventy five teachers from the Robert G. Shaw School, West Roxbury, Mass. had dinner in the new dining room. Seven o'clock and two dinner parties were being Paged. Mrs. Duncanson of Waltham was hostess at one table set for twenty and Mr. Saville of Newtonville brought nine guests for dinner

Two school groups came

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late in the afternoon. How these children enjoyed being told about the Sun and what a thrilling time it was when they walked and ran nearer and nearer to the Little Red Schoolhouse where Mary and her lamb were "in person."

The teachers of the Robert Shaw School had a class in old fashioned dancing after their dinner party.

Among other guests came Arthur Thomas, 11 years old, from Dearborn who told us that he belonged to one of Mr. Hardi dancing classes.

# Wayside Inn Diary

Tuesday June 25, 1935

Showery - cleaning 80°

Miss Gertrude Mac Cullum and the Junior Star Club of the West Newton Community Center Inc. were guests of the Inn this morning.

The Tall Bridge Club of Melrose came for dinner tonight. There were twelve ladies in the group. Before coming into the Inn they visited the places of interest outside and afterwards had plenty of time to see the house.

(Photo by Andre. Snow)

The former Miss Evelyn Thayer, now Mrs. Lewis Cass Ledyard, 3d, who will visit Honolulu with Mr. Ledyard before going to Woodbridge, Ct., to reside. The wedding took place in Lancaster. She belongs to the Vincent Club and Junior League.

Tuesday June 25 1935

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Mr. and Mrs Ledyard were guests at the Inn Saturday night.

Wayside Inn Diary.

Wednesday June 26, 1935

Pleasant 82°

There were no reservations for large luncheon or dinner parties today, we were looking for school groups. Reservations had been made some time ago so we knew they were coming.

Twenty graduates from Foster Creek High School, R. I. came with a teacher, Miss Frances B. Allen, who is accompanying them on this historical tour. Group 4, Shrewsbury Girl Scouts, were guests of the Inn as well as twenty five Sunday School children from the Woodville Baptist Church.

Wayside Inn Diary

Thursday June 27, 1935

Pleasant 80°

The Hospital Aid Association to Choate Memorial Hospital of Woburn Mass. had luncheon at noon.

Thirty two students and teachers from Ball State College, Muncie, Indiana, came this afternoon. It was a trip planned by the Miller Tours in Chicago.

Columbus League, Central Falls R.I. was represented today by sixteen ladies who arrived in the late afternoon for tea and a trip through the Inn.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Pawtucket Typographical Union No 212 had dinner at six o'clock tonight

Wayside Inn Diary.

Friday June 28, 1935

Pleasant - warm

In most places schools have closed for the summer but children continue to arrive in "school buses" perhaps out on their final outing of the school year. And so today three more groups came hurrying up the walk in front of the inn. Eager little children waiting anxiously to look all around, in every nook and corner. Forty boys and girls come from grade seven, Edmond School, Edmond, R. I., thirty three from grade eight, Georgiaville R. I. School, and still another, thirty in this group, from grade eight, Greenville

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Schaab, Greenville R. I.

A busy day closed quietly. In the late evening one of our guests, a kind, little, white headed gentleman, signed in the register - "George W. Howe, 605 West Fourth Street, Elmira N. Y. Decendant of John, the immigrant, and Samuel the oldest son and brother of David.

Wayside Inn Diary

Saturday June 29, 1935.

Pleasant. Very warm.

It has been a very hot day!

We begin to realize that summer is here — in full swing!

*Springfield Pastor Weds Miss Duncan in Concord* 6/30/35

The South Congregational Church of Concord, N. H., was simply decorated with palms and candles for the wedding yesterday noon of Miss Margaret Duncan and the Rev. Howard E. Short, pastor of the First Christian Church of Springfield. Dr. Charles Duncan, secretary of the New Hampshire board of health, gave his daughter's hand in marriage. Officiating at the service were the Rev. Elmer S. Johnson of Hereford, Pa., and the Rev. Andrew V. McCracken, pastor of the church.

The bride's gown of white satin was designed with long sleeves, a cowl neck and a train. Her veil of tulle fell from a cap of duchess lace from her mother's wedding gown. Instead of flowers, she carried a prayer book from which descended streamers of lilies-of-the-valley.

Mrs. Walter P. Brockway of Francestown, N. H., a sister of the bride and the matron-of-honor, wore yellow organdy, trimmed with green. Her white horsehair hat was also trimmed with green. She carried a bouquet of talisman roses. There were four bridesmaids—Miss Martha and Miss Eleanor Densmore of Concord, N. H., Miss Christine Jones of Pittsford, Vt., and Miss Elizabeth Daniels of Yankton, S. D. They wore pink and blue organza dresses with matching horsehair hats, and carried pink sweet peas and bachelor's buttons.

The best man was the Rev. Ferris E. Reynolds of Springfield and the ushers were Mr. William Chevis of Springfield, Mr. George B. Owen of Hyde Park, the Rev. Walter Priest Brockway of Francestown, N. H., and Mr. Laurence Duncan of Concord, N. H., a brother of the bride.

A wedding breakfast for members of the immediate families and intimate friends followed the wedding at the bride's home. The Rev. and Mrs. Short will reside at 575 Dickinson street, Springfield.

Among our overnight guests are Rev. and Mrs. Howard E. Short who were married at noon today at Concord, N. H.

# Wayside Inn Diary

Sunday June 30, 1935

Pleasant.

Mr. Francis

Among our visitors today was a Mr. Francis who was for thirty years purchasing agent for The Edison Co. of Boston and a personal friend of Mr. Edison's. He did not say where he is living now.